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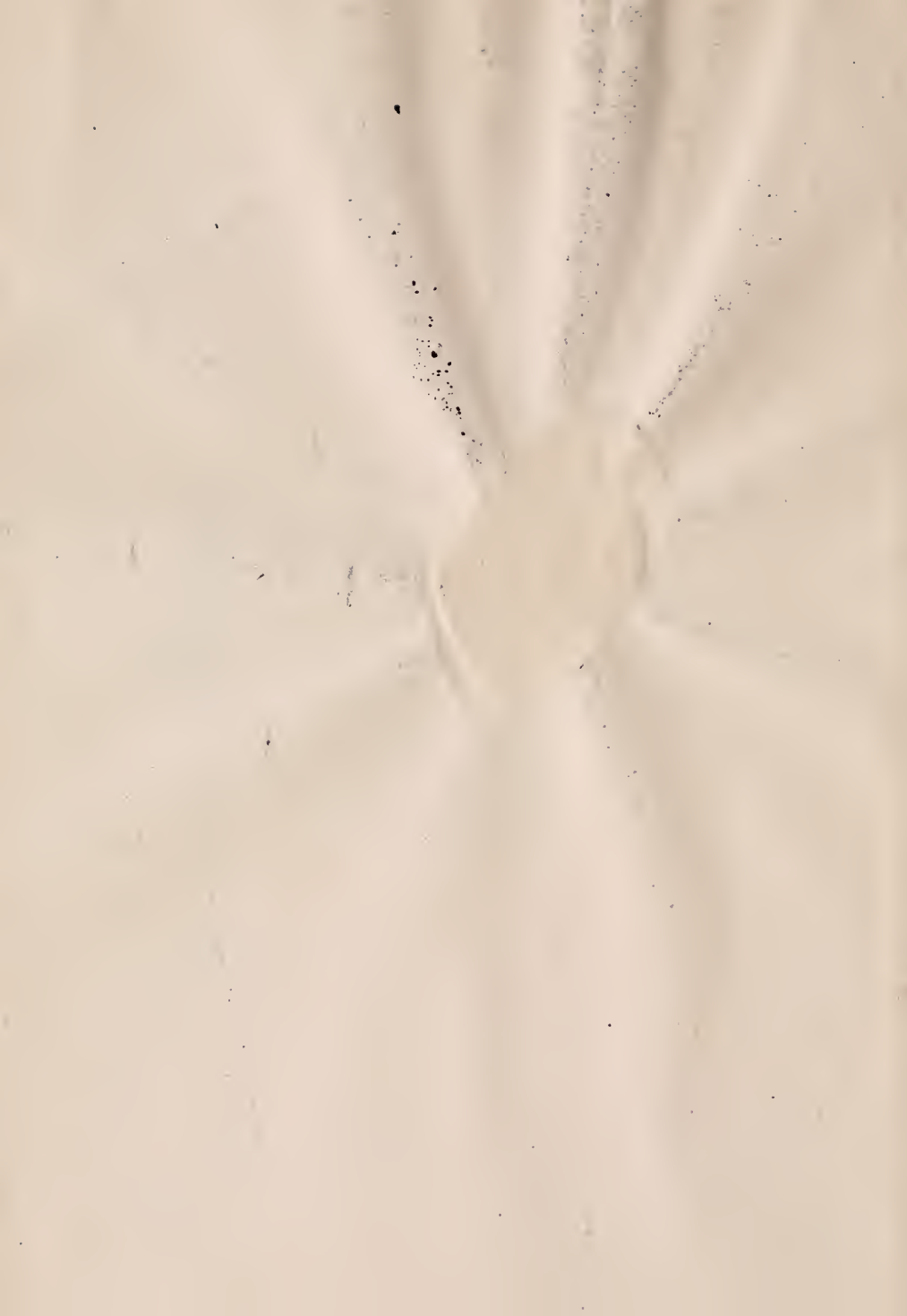


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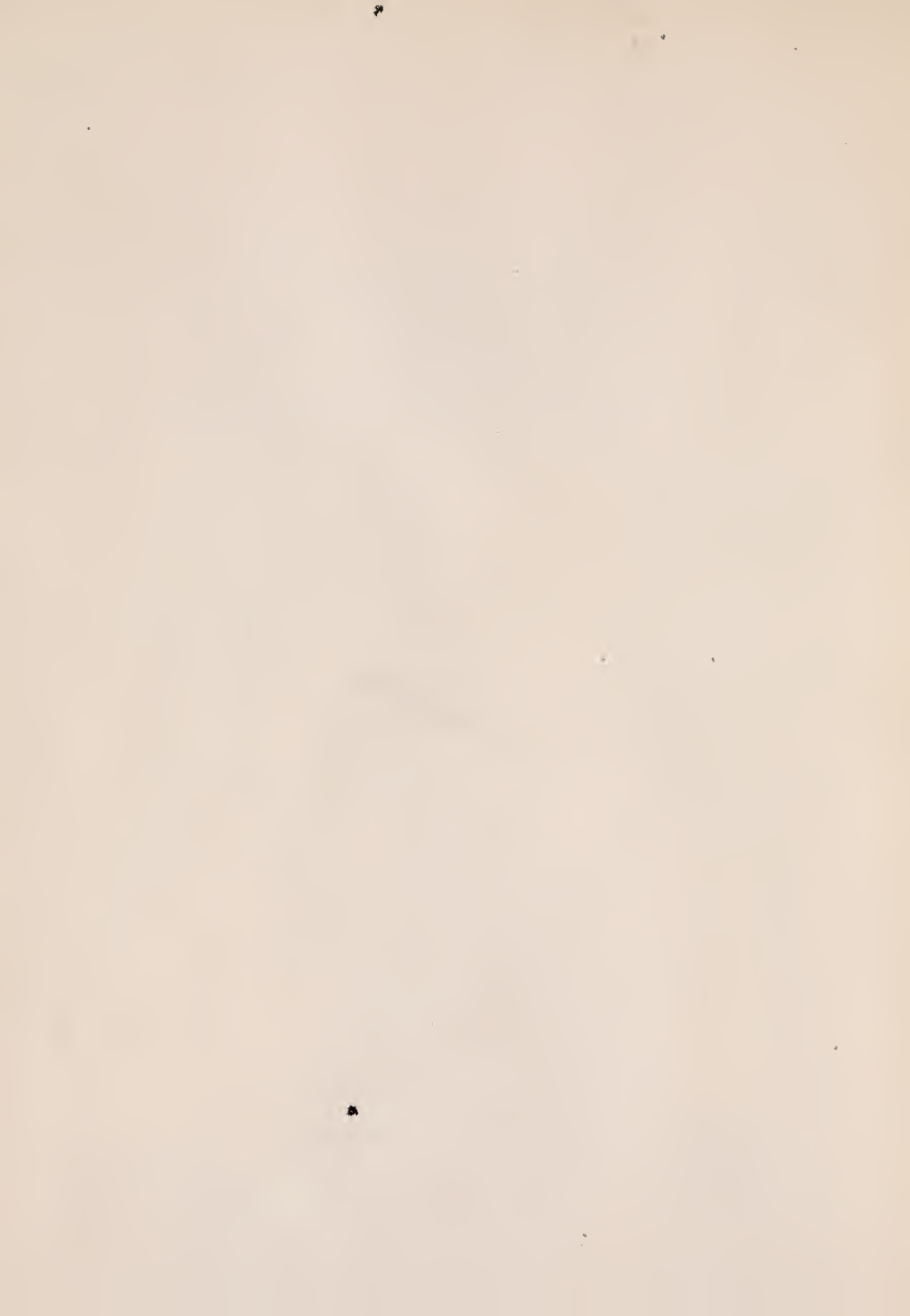
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# Elizabeth De Costa.



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*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

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## In Memoriam.



THE subject of this brief memoir, Mrs. Elizabeth DeCosta, was born in Newton, Massachusetts, March 8th, 1793, and died at Medford, November 5th, 1878.

The earlier portion of Mrs. DeCosta's life was passed in Boston, though when about eight years of age, for nearly a year, she was an inmate of her aunt's family, in the city of New York. Subsequently she spent some time at Quebec, at that period being about seventeen years old. December 10th, 1820, at Charlestown, Massachusetts, she married Ezekiel Carver DeCosta, residing for the greater part of her subsequent life in that town, though, April 16th, 1874, she removed with her son to Medford.

As indicated in the genealogical table appended to the Memoirs of Sister Sainte Claire (DeCosta) and of William Hickling DeCosta, her children were six in number, only three of whom now remain.

Her life was marked by vicissitude, including not a few of the ordinary joys, and very many great sorrows. In a thankful spirit, however, she would recur to the past, and was often inclined to talk of her early life. She had a good memory, and distinctly recalled many interesting events of her childhood, especially the incidents of a voyage from Boston to New York with a Nantucket captain, who visited his island home on the way, and took her on shore to spend Sunday, where, in a quaint, old-time Quaker family, she was the favorite and pet of all.

When a child, Mrs. DeCosta was baptized by Bishop (afterwards Cardinal) Cheverus, but she was educated a Protestant. Though previously a member of a non-Episcopal society, on December 21st, 1859, she was confirmed by the Right Reverend Manton Eastburn, Bishop of Massachusetts, in St. John's Church, Charlestown, the Rev. Thomas R. Lambert, S. T. D., Rector ; in

which Church, previously and by the same Bishop, one of her sons had been ordained to the Priesthood.

Mrs. DeCosta was a most faithful and devoted mother, and an exemplary Christian. She was patient amid all her trials and sorrows. Her temperament was lively, and her cheerful disposition made her a favorite with both the young and old throughout every part of her long life. For many years she was a great sufferer, and for some time before her decease she was seldom away from home.

One very noticeable element in the character of Mrs. DeCosta was her courage, which never deserted her. On one occasion, during a storm, when the vessel was in danger of being cast ashore near Plymouth, her calmness and fortitude exercised a decided influence over the other passengers, and occasioned much comment. Many years afterwards the circumstances were related to the writer by a person who was on board the packet.

The death of her son, William Hickling DeCosta, which occurred July 1st, 1878, proved a severe blow, though she

met this irreparable loss in a very remarkable manner, and even expressed the hope that she might recover sufficiently to visit his grave at Mount Auburn. As the event proved, however, when she went thither it was to be laid at his side, having departed in the confidence of a certain faith and in peace and charity with all. The funeral was attended by the Rev. Charles C. Hutchins, Rector of Grace Church, Medford. Her memory is precious to her children, and all who were acquainted with her amiable and devout character confessed her goodness and worth.

*Requiescat in Pace.*

















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